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1. The number of Soviet representatives in Canton is not large.
2. The Soviet Consulate in Canton is not functioning, but the trade mission there is active.
3. Approximately 30 Soviets left Canton by train from Hsichuan station on the night of 24 November 1950, apparently not to return. These persons are believed important since the neighborhood was alerted late in the afternoon and the Soviets were seen off by several Chinese Communist generals. About 70 Chinese Communist soldiers escorted the Soviets to Hankow on the train. In late November, few Soviets were seen on the streets of Canton, and the general impression is that their number has been decreasing during the previous three months.

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